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REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed an Office Action dated May 26, 2006. By way of response, Applicants have canceled claim 14 without prejudice, amended claims 1, 15-20, and 29-32, and added claims 43-83. No new matter is presented. Claims 1-13 and 15-83 are pending. Applicants submit that the pending claims are supported by the specification.

Claim 1 was amended so that it ends in a period. Each of claims 17-20, 29, 30, and 32 was amended to recite "further comprising".

Amended claim 20 is supported throughout the specification, for example, at least at page 5, lines 27-29, and page 8, lines 18-20, and originally filed claim 27. Claims 43, 44, 74, and 75 are supported throughout the specification, for example, at least at pages 7-11. Claims 45-46 and 76 are supported throughout the specification, for example, at least in the originally filed claims from which they depend. Claims 47, 48 and 79 are supported throughout the specification, for example, at least in originally filed claim 29. Claim 49 is supported throughout the specification, for example, at least in originally filed claim 39. Claim 50 is supported throughout the specification, for example, at least at pages 12-15. Claim 51 is supported throughout the specification, for example, at least at page 22, lines 21-28 and at pages 14 and 21. Claims 52 and 82 are supported throughout the specification, for example, at least at page 23, lines 1-17. Claim 81 is supported throughout the specification, for example, at least at page 49, lines 27-29. Claim 83 is supported throughout the specification, for example, at least at pages 23-25.

Claims 53-60 generally correspond to claims 11-14 and 16-19, respectively. Claims 61 and 62 generally correspond to claims 21 and 22, respectively. Claims 63-67 generally correspond to claims 24-28, respectively. Claims 68-73 generally correspond to claims 31-36, respectively.

For the reasons given below, Applicants submit that the amended and newly presented claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Petition for Extension of Time

It is noted that a two-month petition for extension of time is necessary to provide for the timeliness of the response. A request for such an extension is made extending the time for response from June 26, 2006 to August 26, 2006, which fell on a Saturday extending the time for response to Monday August 28, 2006.

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The Restriction Requirement

Applicants respectfully submit that at least new claims 43-80 belong to Group IV. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 81 belongs to Group I. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 82-83 belong to Group X.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement and do not acquiesce to any statement in it. Applicants traverse on the grounds that several groups of claims could be searched together without undue burden. Nonetheless, Applicants elect for examination at this time the claims of Group IV, which includes original and amended claims 11-19, 21-22, 24-28, and 31-36 and newly presented claims 43-80.

Summary

In summary, Applicants submit that each of claims 1-83 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will expedite prosecution of this application.

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